MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : This is the zero hour. No written statement should be read out. Whatever you want to say should be said without reading any paper.

SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA : All right. Due to lack of financial resources, the setting up of new zones has been projected as a wasteful expenditure. Alongwith it has been stated that new zones should be set up only when there is excessive pressure of work and lesser expenditure is incurred. In view of the above specifications, Bilaspur is such a zone which is the best amongst the five zones and earns more revenue than the rest of the zones.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to me. I also know about this zone. When the Rail Budget will be presented, you may participate in the discussion.

SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, all I want is that this matter should be included in the forth-coming Rail Budget in view of the sentiments of the people of Chhatisgarh and that the Government should seriously consider upon it.

SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY (Giridih) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to raise an issue pertaining to my constituency, Giridih. The Konar irrigation project was launched 20 years ago, however at present, no work is being done on it, because you may work out for yourself as to what would have been its estimated cost 20 years ago and if this irrigation project is completed, at least the people of Hazaribagh, Giridih and Bokaro will be benefitted and thus Government will be credited for the development of the most backward tribal areas of the society.

Hence, through you, I would like to request that this project should be got completed at the earliest.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA (Jammu) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to thank you and draw the attention of the House towards the speech made by my colleague, Shri Chaman Lal Gupta wherein he has drawn the attention of the House towards the situation prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir and stated as to how our Muslim bretheren are migrating to Jammu.

In view of the situation prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir our Prime Minister visited the State thrice and during those visits, he had made announcement in public meetings as well as in this House regarding re-launching of certain projects in order to improve situation in Jammu and to generate employment opportunities. However six months have already been over but the schemes have not been implemented so far. I would name all such Schemes and hope that the concerned Ministries will take concrete steps to implement them. Out of the schemes announced, I will mention only a few...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No please mention only one or two points in zero hour.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : I am not reading, I have noted down the points. An announcement was made to restart the Mughal Road project and to handover the project to Border Road Organisation for completion; however it was not implemented. An announcement was also made regarding setting up of Agricultural University, that too was not implemented. Another announcement was made regarding conferring 'B' class status to Jammu city that again was not implemented. An announcement was made regarding according tribal status to *pahari* speaking people living in Punch, Rajori districts of Jammu however that too was not implemented.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : So you are demanding that all those announcement should be implemented.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Hon'ble Minister has announced in the House that Rail line would be laid from Baramula onwards and works project will be taken up at Kathua and Udhampur also. About Rajori and Punch, he has announced that the funds will be earmarked in the next financial year and that no funds will be allocated this time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may mention these points while speaking on the budget. This is the zero hour.

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : A demand has been made regarding district Laddakh that special funds should be allocated for the Hill Development Council, however nothing has been done in this regard. I welcome the announcements made by the Prime Minister and hope that the Government of India would take effective steps in order to implement the announcements made by him and also take effective steps in respect of the three packages announced by him. I also hope that the Government would allocate funds money in order to normalise the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and would launch the appropriate projects so that peace may prevail in the State and Pakistan's attempts to create disturbance can be checked.

SHRI SHYAM BEHARI MISHRA (Bilhaur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, presently Uttar Pradesh is under President's Rule and there is no power supply in rural areas from 5 to 10 p.m. Power supply has been totally suspended for this period. Three municipalities and eight town areas are included in Kanpur Dehat areas and not a single town is being supplied electricity during this period. Students cannot study, poor farmers and labourers are not getting electricity even to cook their food. They are compelled to have their food amid darkness. What is the use of taking up electrification in rural areas if power is not supplied from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. because during this time electricity is needed most and people are unable to manage their day-to-day work. This discrimination between rural and urban areas is not correct. This issue has already been taken up with Hon. Governor, Electricity Board, but electricity was supplied just for three days and again it was curtailed. I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government to ascertain

the power supply in rural areas from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and in case of shortage of supply the power cut should be imposed during other hours.

SHRI D.P. YADAV (Sambhal) : Sir, Uttar Pradesh is under President's Rule and through you I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the increasing number of murder cases in Uttar Pradesh. 633 persons have been murdered in Uttar Pradesh during January. It includes the murders of politicians, administrative officers, police commissioner and D.M.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : This issue is being taken up tomorrow.

SHRI D.P. YADAV : A few days back our colleague Anil Yadav of B.S.P. was murdered in Kanpur. The law and order situation from Ghaziabad to Gorakhpur is deteriorating. Now I came to know about a new practice being adopted there *i.e.* police commissioners are holding draws like lottery to decide the posting of police personnels in various areas. Some people are trying to hide their misdeeds and they want that police official and D.M. favouring their point of view should be posted in their areas. Sir, through you, I would like to say that this issue should be considered seriously so that Uttar Pradesh could be saved from serious outcomes thereof.

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the resentment prevailing among businessmen and traders of small-scale industries on the proposed amendment in Section 45(S) of Reserve Bank of India Act. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, you may also be aware of the fact that small scale industries are backbone of our country's economy and their contribution is around 76 percent. Small-scale industries will face great difficulties if Section 45(S) of Reserve Bank of India is amended because loan is taken from relatives and partner for setting up of a small scale industry but now the Government propose to ban this practice. It seems that by bringing a legislation to amend the section 45(S) of Reserve Bank of India Act, a conspiracy is being hatched for ruining our small-scale sector and for creating hegemony of multinational companies under the pressure from World Bank and multinationals. It will create many problems. Sir, therefore, through you I would request the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and the Government of India to withdraw this amendment in time. Resentment is prevailing among traders against it and owners of small-scale industries are going on stirke from 28th of this month in Jaipur because they would face the problem of shortage for funds. I therefore, request you to withdraw the proposed amendment in Section 45(S) of Reserve Bank of India Act

13.56 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need for construction of Bye-Pass in Bareilly, U.P.

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Bareilly is a big city of Uttar Pradesh. It is situated on the National Highway No. 24 between Delhi and Lucknow. There is heavy traffic on this road. Traffic is generally hindered leading to accidents as there is no bye-pass. The demand for construction of bye-pass is being raised since long. It is learnt that primary survey in this regard has already been carried out.

The hon. Minister of Surface Transport is requested to accord its approval for the construction of bye-pass in Bareilly on priority basis.

(ii) Need to ensure continuance of the Military Hospital at Cannanore, Kerala

[English]

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore): The Military hospital at Cannanore, Kerala was established as early as in 1953-54. The facilities at this hospital including the bed strength, infrastructure etc., have been modified and expanded from time to time. This hospital now serves thousands of troops and their families, from Mangalore to Palghat and ex-servicemen and their families numbering over one lakh and fifty thousand. These military and ex-military personnel in the six major districts of Kerala have been relying on this hospital for the past several decades and continue to do so for all their medical requirements.

Of late there has been a move on the part of the Government to close down this hospital. Such a decision does not appear to be justifiable by any standards. Once this hospital is closed the next military hospital is more than 300 kilometres away at Cochin, Bangalore or Madras. The worst hit would be the ex-military personnel. Those in the service are also deeply perturbed as the distant hospitals can hardly serve the needs of the ill. I, therefore, request the hon. Defence Minister to ensure that this Military hospital continues at Cannanore to serve the increasing number of military personnel and ex-servicemen from Palghat to South Canara.

(iii) Need to include Navinagar Thermal Power Project of Bihar in Ninth Five Year Plan

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (Aurangabad) : Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is acute power shortage in Bihar. Public do not get electricity even for two days in a week. Crops, are being destroyed for want of irrigation facility, which is dependent on power as a result of